

**CITY OF MISSOURI VALLEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MISSOURI VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
TELECONFERENCE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Missouri Valley offered the meeting via teleconference for the public.

Mayor Kelly presided over the meeting and called it to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council members present: Dooley, Stueve, Struble, and Ford via telephone. Absent: Pfouts. Also present: Bruce Kocher.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kelly asked Council for any comments or additions-Ford requested and will be 14a.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Stueve to approve the agenda for the December 1, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Stueve to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) Minutes from November 17, 2020 City Council Meeting b) Claims list. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no inquiries from citizens.

Library Director Kocher showed Council an example of Digital Story Time and explained how he used grant money for the project.

Chris Myer, Park Superintendent, stated the department put up Christmas lights at the pool and thanked the Street Department for their help and Patty Stueve for the light donation. They are working on the 150<sup>th</sup> list and there are 3 or 4 picnic tables that need painted. Myer is working with Midwest Mechanical on the Siren issues.

Bob Riesland, Street Superintendent, said the Street Department put the Christmas lights up on Main Street. The street lights run 24 hours a day and this causes the Christmas lights to be on and the bulbs are burning out. He would like Council to consider budgeting for new Christmas lights. He has met with the Chamber and they are working on prices. The Department is grading Willow Park twice per week and almost done sweeping due to cold weather.

Jonathan McDonald, PeopleService, stated there was a 16" water main break. There was a delay in fixing the main because vendors did not have the coupler in stock. The lagoon will be discharged until Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Council would like Jonathan to get pricing and have repair section on hand.

Chief Wohlers stated there are electrical issues with an ambulance. Both ambulances need repairs to their oxygen systems. The department will be delivering Santa to the tree lighting ceremony. Wohlers has emailed Emswiler Architecture to see if they can give the department costs and a drawing for a proposed addition station connect to the current building. The department will be attending online training thru the County. He encourages citizens to have a water source on hand if they are utilizing open burning.

Wohlers received bids for the A/C/Heating unit for the department. The HVAC unit is \$11,800.00 and the electrical is not to exceed \$700.00. The department received FEMA money from the flood and the funds will be used towards this project. Motion by Ford, seconded by Stueve to approve the bid not to exceed \$12,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Chief Lange, stated he is waiting on test results from the applicant and hopes to have a hiring recommendation at the next Council meeting. He encourages citizens to lock their vehicles as there have been multiple break ins reported. He also would like local farmers to check their pivots for copper.

Discussion was held on quotes that Lange received for new software. This is the same software the Sheriff's Department uses and the County will let the City use their license for cost savings. This will allow the departments to link together and share reports and data with one another. The cost is \$10,250.00 upfront and then \$787.50 annually. Lange will check to see what needs to be done to set up a VPN for the system. Motion by Ford, seconded by Stueve to approve the quote for Shield Technology Corporation in the amount of \$10,250.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeannie Wortman with the Chamber stated there are multiple events taking place including the Window Decorating Contest, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Holiday Lights Tour, and Recipe Tour. The next 150<sup>th</sup> meeting is December 10, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Eagle's Club. The Chili Cook-off is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Chamber is also going to change the format for the Visitor's Guide.

Jim Olmsted gave an update on current projects. He is completing the engineering for the Willow Park Project. He hopes the City will approve authorization to go out to bid and approve the project in January and February, with construction beginning in March, weather depending. Olmsted is finishing the design on the Watermain Replacement Project. He inquired if the City will be using CDBG funding. He also mentioned USDA funds. Flaherty will contact SWIPCO. Olmsted has nothing to report on the Bypass/Levee Project. Valley View does not want to split the cost of the cost estimate. Council does not want to proceed at this time.

Resolution #20-38 was introduced Issuing a Moratorium on the Open Burning Ban-Fall 2020. Motion by Stueve, seconded by Dooley. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on opening city facilities to the public. Consensus was to leave the facilities closed until the mask mandate is over and numbers start going down.

Ford would like to see Departments provide paper reports to the Council.

Flaherty stated she is working on insurance bids and budget. SWIPCO is working with the City in compiling a list of dangerous buildings and dilapidated structures.

Kelly would like to remind citizens to support local business and follow the mandates issued by Harrison County and the State.

Motion by Stueve, seconded by Struble to enter into closed session at 7:05 p.m. per IA Code 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stueve, seconded by Struble to return to open session at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stueve, seconded by Ford to allow Flaherty to carry over her unused vacation and personal time. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stueve, seconded by Struble to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Shawn Kelly, Mayor

Attest: Jodie Flaherty, City Administrator

## **RESOLUTION 20-38**

### **MORATORIUM ON BURN BAN – FALL 2020**

Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Missouri Valley:

The City has issued a moratorium on the open burning ban (Section 105.05 of Missouri Valley City Code) to allow for the burning of landscape waste during designated times. These dates and times are:

**December - complete month December 1 through December 31, 2020**

**Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

“Landscape Waste”, per Section 105.02(5) of the Missouri Valley City Code, is defined as any vegetable or plant waste except garbage. The term includes trees, tree trimmings, branches, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and yard trimmings.

Anyone violating the provisions of this Section shall be subject to penalties as outlined in Resolution 11-08.

Passed and Approved this 1st day of December, 2020.

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Shawn Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jodie Flaherty, City Administrator